

Following are MAME President, Joanne Steckling's remarks:

In her tenure as State Librarian, Christie Brandau provided an unprecedented level of support of school library programs.

The 2003 Library of Michigan study of school libraries raised awareness statewide and nationally of the impact that fully staffed and funded school libraries have on education. The Michigan Authors and Illustrators database, a joint project of the Library of Michigan, Michigan Association for Media in Education, and Michigan Center for the Book, is a valuable resource for students and adults nationwide. The Michigan Electronic Library databases form the core online collection for Michigan Schools. The introduction of the statewide network for interlibrary loan opens library collections throughout the state to our students and educators.

Christie's vision for statewide library services included and embraced the school library media community. Her innovations, initiatives, and technological advances impacted teaching and learning throughout the K-12 community.

Those of us who had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with Christie will miss her warmth, her leadership, and her wonderful sense of humor. It is with great appreciation for Christie's contributions, and with best wishes for her continued success, that we make this donation.